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Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court,

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As an Attorney, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule as a violation of religious freedom and freedom of freedom.

Citizens in our state have different opinions on a wide variety of issues, and we have long cherished the right to express those differences freely in the public forum. If you begin to penalize individuals for their personal opinions on issues of marriage, you will be setting a dangerous precedent that could open the way for further government intrusion on all sorts of differences in value.

I respectfully urge you not to start down this slippery slope of telling people what they can believe and say. Doing so would violate two of our nation's most sacred values, the freedom of speech and religion.,

Sincerely,

Ken Sande

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